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1. The Czech Government has decided, as the result of the recent arrest of Evzen Loebl, Vice Minister of Foreign Commerce, on charges of personal enrichment, to replace all personnel of the Ministry who were sent abroad during Loebl's incumbency.
2. It is very probable that Alex Nerad and Arturo Klein will be recalled from Rome, although it is not expected that the latter will comply with the repatriation order. Commercial delegate Bartos will also be recalled from Trieste.
3. The Czech Government will also replace other diplomatic personnel for other reasons. The recall of Minister Matousek and First Secretary Ruprich from Rome and of Mezner and the Consulate porter from Milan is considered probable.
4. The total number of recalls from Western countries (with replacement by more trustworthy elements) is expected to reach about 150.
5. Loebl's release from custody (without return to his post) has caused some surprise, and there is speculation that the Czech Government wished to remove Loebl for other reasons than the stated one [REDACTED]

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